It is Sunday the 11th May 2008 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY broadcast bringing you - cast 1494.
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IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 2nd to 8th May, issued on 9th May by the IPS Radio and Space Services.
SUMMARY

Date	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
10cm flux	68	67	68	68	67	67	66
AFr index	7	9	6	8	9	5 (	5 estimated)
Aaus index	7	10	8	7	8	4 (	4 estimated)
T index	14	8	7	11	13	8	6

Solar flare activity was very low all week.
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian Region was very low 2nd to 6th; and quiet on 7th and 8th.
Southern Australian Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were near predicted on 2nd, 4th and 5th; near predicted to 20 per cent enhanced on 3rd, 7th and 8th; and near predicted to 30 per cent enhanced on 6th.
Forecast for 9th to 15th May
Solar activity should be low.
Geomagnetic activity should see quiet to unsettled conditions.
Frequencies should be near predicted monthly values.
courtesy of IPS Radio and Space Services
summary by Pat VK2JPA ANARTS Broadcast Officer

As the VK2SG RTTY DX Notes have not arrived at time of compiling this news bulletin, they have been replaced by the ARRL DX News.

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 857 - excerpts
3D, FIJI (Update)
Last week we reported that Eddie/VK4AN and his son Raj/VK4FRAJ (age 13) would be active as 3D2A from Malolo Lailai Island (in the Mamanuca Group, IOTA OC-121) between May 17-31st. Well, this week we learned that the father and son team will also be active in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via VK4AN, direct or by the bureau.
5Z, KENYA (Also IOTA Op)
Steffen, 5Z4DX, will be active from Shanzu Beach between May 14th and June 11th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. He also plans to possibly activate Wasini Island (AF-067 - May 25-26th) and Lamu Island (AF-040). QSL direct to his Iceland address at: Frank Steffen Gast, Eskifirdi, 735 Eskifjoedur, ICELAND.
8J50, JAPAN (Special Event)
The Japan Amateur Radio League, Inc. (JARL) will be holding their 50th "Yosakoi Kochi" meeting on May 25th. Look for special event station 8J50JARL to be active now through May 25th to celebrate this annual meeting in Kochi, Japan. Activity will be on all bands 160m through 1200 MHz, CW, SSB, FM and AM. QSL via the JARL QSL Bureau.
ASIAN TRIP
Look for Nicola, I0SNY, to possibly be active as JT1SNY from Bayankhongor, Mongolia, starting May 7th. He may also be active as BY1PK/I0SNY from Beijing, China, May 19-28th. QSL via his home callsign.
CT, PORTUGAL (Lighthouse Activity)
Members of the Algarve DX Group (ADXG) will activate 7 lighthouses simultaneously between May 31st and June 1st. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17 meters, and possibly 80/15m and 6m (from Santa Maria LH). Modes will be: CW, SSB and RTTY. A FREE award will be issued to any who contacts all 7 special LH

callsigns during activity. QSL via CT1GFK, by the Bureau or direct. E-mail Bureau requests can be sent to ct7lh@sapo.pt. All information can be found at: http://ct7lh.no.sapo.pt

D4, CAPE VERDE

Jurgis, LY2CY, will be active as D4C during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via IZ4DPV. Visit the D4C Web page at: http://www.d4c.cc

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

YA/LY1Y - Afghanistan; Operations in 2006 and 2007 If you had cards rejected for this operation, send an E-mail to dxcc@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY

Operators Arliss/W7XU and Ed/W0SD are planning a 6 meter DXpedition to St. Barthelemy that will take place between June 28th and July 6th. Ed informs OPDX that a TO5 callsign has been applied for. He also requests, "Please do not give us your grid square. We are not interested in your grid square and it just wastes time. Our grid square will be FK87nv for those wanting to confirm this as a new grid square. There may be some night time HF RTTY and CW operations on 30 and 40 meters when six meters sporadic E is over for the day." QSL via W7XU. An on-line log will be on their Web site (they plan to upload their log nightly, and it will be available starting May 15th) at: http://www.w0sd.com/stbart/bart.htm They also request that if you are in the log, please don't call again and let others have a chance to work them.

IOTA NEWS

AS-043. Operators Mitsuo/JA1UNS, Suehiro/JI1PLF, Minowa/7N1GMK, 7L4PVR and 7N4VPS will be active as homecall/1 from Hachijo Island (JIIA AS-043-003), in the JA1 South Izu Group, from May 16-19th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-008. Paul, M3KBU, will be active as MM3KBU/p from the Isle of Skye (IOSA NH-07, SCOTIA CN-14), July 26-27th, during the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL via M3KBU, direct is preferred, but Bureau is "OK".

EU-074. Operators Benoit/F8PDR, Jean-Jacques/F5NKX, Denis/F5RJM, Rolf/F9ZG, Alain/F5HVI, Rene/F6CMC and Alain/F6ACH will be active as F5KAQ/p from Brehat Island (DIFM MA-012, WLOTA LH-2010), September 1-8th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via F5RJM, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-189. (UPDATE) Mike, K9AJ, is a member of the team travelling to Rockall in two weeks. If weather and seas allow, he will be active using battery power on 20/40 meters CW on the IOTA frequencies for 24 hours. The time window is approximately May 14-15th but landing date/time is at the sole discretion of the captain and could be one or two days.

NA-044. Juergen, NF6J, will be active as VO2/NF6J from Battle Island (CISA NF-049, Newfoundland and Labrador), June 25-30th. Activity will be on or near the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via DL7RV (QRZ.com).

NA-102. Members of the Radio Club ACRA Guadeloupe (FG5KC) will activate the Island of Petit-Terre (Small Island Earth) for a day as FG5KC/p on June 8th. Activity will be on the HF bands, CW, SSB and VHF bands. Operators mentioned (at the moment) are: FG5BC, FG5DN, FG1JD, F8BIH, FG1AR, SWL-05 (Issac) and SWL-16 (Jacques). Suggested frequencies are: Listen to the IOTA frequencies. This expedition is granted by the NFB because it is a natural reserve. Visit their Web page at: http://acra-radioclub.site.voila.fr

JAPAN HAS NEW BAND PRIVILEGES

The JARL announced on their Web page that as of April 28th, Japanese radio amateur operators will receive more band privileges on the 80/75 meters band. JA operators are now allowed to operate on the following frequencies (*new): 3500-3575 kHz (CW only), 3520-3525 kHz (Digital Mode and CW), 3525-3575 kHz (Phone and CW), 3599-3612 kHz (* CW and Phone), 3680-3687 kHz (* CW and Phone), 3702-3716 kHz (* CW and Phone), 3745-3770 kHz (CW and Phone) (* 3745-3747 kHz and 3754-3770 kHz) and 3791-3805 kHz (CW and Phone). Japanese band plans are

available at:
http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/6_Band_Plan/JAbandplan.pdf
JW, SVALBARD
Mika, OH2FFP (OJ1ABOA), is expected to be operating from the Kinnvika base on Nordaustlandet Island (EU-063) in July for 20 days. Read about the scientific station at Kinnvika on:
http://www.kinnvika.net/
Also, Mika could be active from the research vessel "RV Horizont-2" which supplies the Kinnvika base from Longyearbyen.
KH2, GUAM
Operators Lee/HL1IWD and Harry/WX8C will be active as KH2/K1IWD and KH2/WX8C, respectively, between May 23-26th. The operation will also include participation in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Multi- Single/All-Band entry as KH2/WX8C. QSL KH2/K1IWD via HL1IWD and KH2/WX8C via WX8C.
LZ08, BULGARIA
Look for special event station LZ08KM (LZ Zero Eight KM) to be active until May 31st. Activity is to commemorate St. Cyril (Kiril) and Methodius, the creators of the cyrillic alphabet, as well as the "Day of Cyrillic Alphabet and Bulgarian Culture" - May 24th, which is one of the most important holidays in Bulgaria. As team operators they will try to activate as many bands and modes as possible. More information and a QSL card preview can be found on:
http://www.qrz.com/callsign/lz08km
QSL via LZ1PJ, direct or by the Bureau or LoTW. NO e-QSL! E-mail requests for Bureau QSLs are accepted at: lz1pj@bgnet.bg
OA, PERU
Daniel/DL5YWM is now in Lima until May 12th and will be joined by Rene/DL2JRM and Jens/DL3ALF. During their spare time look for them to be active on 160-10 meters on CW/SSB as OA4/homecall. QSL via their home callsigns (QRZ.com).
ADDED NOTE: This past weekend (possibly Monday this week), the trio of operators was joined by Jorge/OA4BHY and was active as OA4BHY/3 from Isla Blanca (SA-074). QSL OA4BHY/3 only via DL2JRM.
RSGB QSL BUREAU (New address). It was announced that the Radio Society of Great Britain's (RSGB) has contracted out their QSL Bureau. Richard, G3UGF, is the new QSL Bureau Manager for the RSGB, and he has announced the address and telephone number of the new central QSL operation. The address is: RSGB QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 5, Halifax, HX1 9JR, England. The telephone number is: 01422 359362. All outgoing cards should now be sent to this address. World-wide Managers may also wish to note this new address, as cards sent to the RSGB HQ address may be delayed.
VP9, BERMUDA
Ralph/K9ZO and his XYL will be on holiday from here during July, and he expects to be active as K9ZO/VP9. During his stay he plans to be in the IARU Contest (a bit) and also monitor 30/17/12/6 meters.
VR2008, HONG KONG (Special Event)
Members of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio DX Association (HARDXA) are pleased to announce that they have received official permission from the "Office Of The Telecommunications Authority" authorizing them to use the special event callsign VR2008O for the period between July 15th and August 31st, to celebrate the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Operations will be primarily HF from 40-10 meters and VHF on 6 meters. The modes used shall be primarily SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL direct only to VR2XMT: Charlie Ho, PO Box 900, Fanling Post Office, Hong Kong. There will be no e-QSL or LoTW. Preliminary information and QSL card design has been put onto QRZ.com at:
http://www.qrz.com/vr2008o
XW, CAMBODIA
Bruce, XW1B, will be active in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via E21EIC.
ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS (NA-016)
John, K6AM, will be active as ZF2AM during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via K6AM, direct or by the Bureau or LoTW.
ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS (NA-016)
Jim, W6NRJ, will be operating from Grand Cayman as ZF2LJ from May 17-22nd. This will be a holiday operation only (from the beach). Activity will emphasize the

WARC bands as propagation permits. QSLs via W6NRJ, by the Bureau or direct to W6NRJ per (QRZ.com). ADDED NOTE: Dennis, N6KD, will also be joining Jim. Callsign and length of stay was not provided.
ZS8, MARION ISLANDS
Rhynhardt, ZS6DXB, ZS8T Press Officer, announced this past week that Petrus, ZS6GCM, has been on the island for just a little over a month. The staff takeover period is completed and the ship "SA Agulhas" is making its journey back to Cape Town. Rhynhardt also reports the following:
* Petrus has already undergone a full circle walk around the Island with one of the research scientists and has been out of base camp for the past week.
* The team is currently on cleaning duty since the takeover and is now cleaning the entire camp - furthermore it is business as usual and all is well.
* Petrus is planning on starting construction of the antennas this week and will be *QRV as ZS8T by May 9th, 2008.*
* Petrus has also confirmed that the newly installed satellite internet system on Marion Island is working beyond expectations to date, so correspondence between Petrus and the ZS8T team is a lot easier than during the Bouvet Island 3Y0E operation.
Rhynhardt states, "We hereby say good luck to all in working ZS8T, and we look forward to seeing your callsign in the ZS8T logbook." For updates and the first offical announcement of ZS8T being on the air, please visit the official ZS8T Web site at:
http://zs8t.net

ARLD020 DX news for 8th May 2008
KENYA, 5Z. Steffen, 5Z4DX will be QRV from Shanzu Beach from May 14 to June 11. Activity will be on all bands and modes. He also plans to possibly activate Wasini Island, IOTA AF 067, and Lamu Island, IOTA AF 040, on May 25 and 26. QSL direct.
CROATIA, 9A. Frans, ON6KN will be QRV as 9A/OO6N from Losinj Island, IOTA EU 136, from May 12 to 24. Activity is holiday style. QSL to home call.
ANDORRA, C3. Peter, VE3GEJ is QRV as C31LJ until May 10. Activity is on 20, 17 and 15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via VE3EXY.
ETHIOPIA, ET. Josef, ET3JA has been active on 20 meters from 1600 to 1730z and then on 17 meters around 1200 to 1300z. QSL via OK3AA.
JAPAN, JA. Special event station 8J50JARL is active until May 25 in commemoration of the 50th General Assembly of the JARL taking place in Kochi. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB, AM and FM. QSL via bureau.
MINIMA TORISHIMA, JD1. Masa, JA6GXK is QRV as JD1BMM on Marcus Island until May 22. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters. QSL via bureau.
MONGOLIA, JT. Nicola, I0SNY is QRV as JT1SNY from Bayankhongor, possibly until May 18. QSL to home call.
GUAM ISLAND, KH2. Operators JA7LU and JH1AWN are QRV as homecalls/KH2 until May 11. Activity is on all HF bands using SSB. QSL to home calls.
CZECH REPUBLIC, OK. Members of the Radio Club Dobruska are QRV as OL1908D until May 31 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the railway system to the City of Dobruska. Activity is on all bands and modes, including V/UHF. QSL via OK1KT.
SWEDEN, SM. Fred, SM7DAY/p and Jan, SM7NGH/p are QRV from Oland Island, IOTA EU 037, until May 12. QSL to home calls.
EGYPT, SU. Members of the Egypt Amateur Radio Assembly will be QRV as SU8AFR in commemoration of the ITU Telecom Africa 2008 International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Cairo from May 11 to 15. QSL via SU1KM.
SAN MARINO, T7. Matteo, T77NM has been active using RTTY on 40 meters around 2300z. QSL to home call.
CORSICA, TK. TK7C has been active using RTTY 40 meters around 2350z. QSL via F9IE.
ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8. Steve, G3ZVW is QRV as ZD8N and has been

active using RTTY on 20 meters from around 1300 to 1600z. QSL to
home call.
CHATHAM ISLANDS, ZL7. David, VK2CZ will be QRV as ZL7M from Chatham
Island, IOTA OC 038, from May 10 to 11. Activity will be on 80 and
20 meters. This includes an entry in the VK/Trans Tasman 80 Meter
Phone contest. QSL direct

The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au, or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.
73â€™s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer.